The Roles We Play

We are aware of Human Rights advocates who vow to protect the rights of those abused and oppressed, the United Nations being at the top of the list. Of course, there is the government as well. However, as these institutions have been doing their best to take down any human exploitation practice, it may not be enough for them on their own. They face a lot of issues and have settled things which can sometimes be more than their plate can handle. Protecting migrant workers is one of them.

Being an ordinary citizen ourselves, we can often be left to wonder what step they would take next, without much power to do anything like beating the Islamic rebels, ISIS, for example. We have been terrified by all of their killings and frustrated at what the governments are doing to prevent them from killing anymore, yet, we cannot do anything but monitor their every move. The same happens when people from our own nation are involved in abuse and violence in other countries. We can only feel pity.

The United Nations disagrees that we are left helpless. Each of us has a role to play, a move to make and a line to utter. The following are some of the major roles we can expect to bring change to domestic labor reform which we are all campaigning for:

Union of Migrant Workers

For a migrant worker acting alone, asserting one's rights remains a major challenge. Unionizing un-documented workers is therefore very important, since it puts a worker in a much stronger position. There are, however, several obstacles preventing workers from joining unions, and not all traditional union structures and working methods are directly applicable to them. Still, many labor groups have overcome these challenges and brought great respect from others. Take for example the union of Filipino migrant workers scattered in almost all countries in the Middle East. Not only were they able to save fellow migrant workers from being

executed but have also united more organizations back in Manila, Philippines to take action and communicate with the government if possible.

NGOs, Labor Unions, Activists

Because of the number of similar complaints, new organizations have been formed and established organizations have included the fight for migrants' rights in their work. Labor unions are a crucial player among these activists. Individuals who are concerned enough can join activists in voicing their cries for people to become aware of. Moreover, they provide comfort and support for those who are victims of abuse.

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